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18 to 26 September 1952

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ENCLOSURES (NO. &amp; TYPE)

REMARKS

1. Prior to 22 September 1952, there was no change in the occupation of military installations at Grimma (N 52/E 40). A section of 40 meters of the bridge over the Mulde River was completed. The bridge is scheduled to have a total length of 70 meters. (1)

2. During the period from 18 to 20 September, only little training activity was observed between Dessau and Aken. It appeared that most of the troops which had occupied summer camps in the Dessau-Magdeburg area had left. Track impressions left by vehicles and tanks indicated that trucks had left toward Aken and tanks toward Dessau. (2)

25X1 of Barby and Breitenhagen no troops had recently passed through these places or practiced river crossing there.

25X1 Vehicle convoys were seen near the Elbe River in the Wittenberg-Dessau area. (2)

25X1 3. At 11:20 a.m. on 12 September, rocket launchers and trucks were seen being entrained at the Genthin (H 53/Y 03) railroad station. On 23 September, billeting equipment was being unloaded at the Dessau main railroad station and hauled away by trucks and other trucks the drivers of which wore artillery insignia, and trucks the drivers of which wore tank insignia. (3)

25X1 4. At 10:30 a.m. on 24 September, about 600 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with engineer insignia, 4 motorboats, and 70 trucks were being detrained at the Wittenberg railroad station

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25X1 5. At 3 p.m. on 26 September, 5 AA guns of an estimated caliber of about 85-mm, 11 trucks, [redacted], and about 80 soldiers were being detrained at the Jueterbog-Altes Lager camp. (5)

25X1 [redacted] Comments.

25X1 (1) [redacted] the elements of the 8th Gds Mecz Div and the Grimma hospital which are at present at the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds are scheduled to return to Grimma between 5 and 15 October. [redacted] Information on construction of the bridge at Grimma was previously reported [redacted]. The bridge is of no special importance.

25X1 (2) (2) This information confirms a report [redacted], according to which the unidentified engineer regiment of the GOFG from Bernburg left the Dessau-Aken area, allegedly for Barby, on 14 and 15 September. However, it appears that this regiment did not arrive in the Barby area and its present whereabouts is not known.

25X1 (3) The vehicle [redacted] belong to the 7th Gds Tank Div. The billeting equipment is believed to have come from Letzling Heath, from where [redacted] tanks were shipped to an undetermined destination on 20 September. [redacted]

25X1 (4) [redacted] major elements of the 55th Engr Regt (US) of the Third Gds Mecz Army were again transferred to Wittenberg. The train concerned was also observed [redacted]

25X1 (5) [redacted] the unit involved was an air force unit from the Finsterwalde area. Other air force AAA units also practiced firing in Jueterbog in late August and early September.

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